

17 DEC 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT: Medical Benefits for [REDACTED] Base Personnel

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REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, FE to Director of Personnel, Same Subject, Dated 29 October 1956

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1. With respect to referenced memorandum, this will confirm information given to [REDACTED] of your office by the Chief of our Casualty Affairs Branch.

2. As you are aware, our dependent medical care program as adopted by the Acting Director of Central Intelligence on 21 September 1956 is identical with respect to its standards to the authority granted the Secretary of State in Public Law 828 for medical benefits for dependents of Foreign Service personnel. In addition to full consideration by this Office of the questions posed in the referenced memorandum, contact was made with cleared officials of the Department of State to obtain their opinion on the facts presented. On the basis of these discussions and a conversation with the General Counsel, CIA, it was determined that, although expenses incurred for maternity care were excluded from this authority, provision was made for the payment of medical expenses incurred by reason of the lack of proper medical facilities in some areas.

3. In areas where only sub-standard medical facilities are available and it may be assumed that complications could likely result from such sub-standard care, payment may be made for the cost of transportation of a dependent from the employee's duty station to the nearest suitable hospital or clinic. It should be noted, however, that only the cost of transportation may be paid or reimbursed. The cost of hospitalization must be borne by the employee as a personal expense.

4. Payment may not be made for the cost of transportation of the employee to accompany a dependent wife to a suitable hospital or clinic under these circumstances. Authority does exist, however, for payment of the cost of an attendant's travel if such an attendant is required medically. The attendant may be the employee, a fellow employee, a professional attendant, or such other person as may be required or suitable under the circumstances.

This latter information is provided for your general guidance and should not be construed as granting approval for the transportation expenses of the employee concerned in the case under discussion. All cases of medical expense reimbursement should be brought to the attention of this Office for specific approval of items claimed. Claims so presented should conform to the general requirements contained in [REDACTED]

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CONCUR:

Office of General Counsel

Chief, Medical Staff

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